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SUBJ: OPERATION CLEARVIEW/SEAM 75: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 11-17

S/NM FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY:

A. POPPY ERADICATION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SINALOA, DURANGO, AND CHIHUAHUA BUT AT MUCH REDUCED RATE. PLANTATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE WHICH REMAIN TO BE DESTROYED ARE WIDELY SCATTERED AND TRAVEL OFTEN TAKES MORE TIME THAN THE ACTUAL DESTRUCTION.

B. ARRESTS AND SEIZURES AT ROADBLOCKS AND BY INTERDICTION TEAMS CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

C. ALL AIRCRAFT ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING BUT MANY HELICOPTER PILOTS ARE COMPLAINING OF THE AIR TURBULANCE IN THE MOUNTAINS AND MANY REFUSE TO FLY AFTER 12 NOON DAILY.

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D. NO OFFICIAL WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING

THE END OF THE MEXICAN CAMPAIGN.

E. AS OF THIS DATE, NO UNITED STATES SUPPLIED
ARMS OR SPARE HELICOPTER PARTS (OTHER THAN ON AN EMERGENCY
BASIS) HAVE ARRIVED IN CULIACAN AND NO EXPLANATIONS OR
EXCUSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED.

2. STATISTICS:

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	525	
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED		2,039,838
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	55,705,724	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	504	

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	27	
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED		48,275
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	1,030,100	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	12	
MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)		NONE REPORTED

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS:

POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	4,665	
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED		13,049,884
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	345,761,902	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	3,225	

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,573	
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED		3,990,388
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	156,404,461	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	987	

MIXED (POPPIES AND MARIHUANA)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	134	
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SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	721,880	
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	31,626,073	
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	178	

OTHER SEIZURES AND DESTRUCTION

BUNDLES OF POPPIES DESTROYED	64	
BUNDLES OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED		29
PERSONS ARRESTED	36	

MARIHUANA DRYING SHEDS DESTROYED	54
IRRIGATION PUMPS DESTROYED	3
TRACTORS SEIZED	1
METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED	9,335
OPIUM GUM SEIZED	20 GM
BOXES OF BLASTING CAPS SEIZED	6
FUSE CORD SEIZED	1 ROLL
VEHICLES SEIZED	2
MARIHUANA SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED	500 GM.
MANICURED MARIHUANA DESTROYED	558
PLOWS SEIZED	1

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK:

FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES FOR ARRESTS AND SEIZURES
EFFECTED BY THE MFJP DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 11
THROUGH 17.

170 GRAMS HEROIN
3 ARRESTS

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS:

447 ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA,
CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO, AND SONORA, SINCE JANUARY 15 TO
APRIL 17 FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS, GUN VIOLATIONS,
CONTRABAND VIOLATIONS AND OTHER VIOLATIONS.

44 GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED
4 LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED
60,430 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED
96 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND/OR HANDGUNS SEIZED
9 HEROIN LABORATORIES SEIZED
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15 KILGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED
15,205 KILGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED
3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHONE BASE) DESTROYED
20 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEEDS DESTROYED
16.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED
3.04 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED
28.12 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED
1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED
2000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

3. COMMENTS:

A. ALL OPERATIONS OF THE MEXICAN CAMPAIGN CONTINUE
BUT FATIGUE AND LOW MORALE ARE BECOMING VERY OBVIOUS
AMONG ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED.

B. RELATIONS WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS REMAIN GOOD
AND NO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN DURING THIS REPORTING
PERIOD.

C. ACCORDING TO MFJP SOURCES, THE WEAPONS ARE STILL
BEING CLEANED AND ASSEMBLED AND HENCE HAVE NOT YET BEEN
SHIPPED TO THE FIELD. THIS EXCUSE IS WEARING VERY THIN,
HOWEVER, AND WE BELIEVE THE USG SHOULD LOOK VERY
CAREFULLY BEFORE CONSIDERING ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE
IN THE FORM OF WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION.
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